



**House Committee on Finance
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 8:30 AM
Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building**

MINUTES

The House Committee on Finance met at 8:30 AM on February 27, 2019 in Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building. The following committee members were present: Representatives Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Bell, Brody, Carney, Carter, Clemmons, Conrad, Corbin, Everitt, Hall, Harris, Henson, Holley, Howard, Kidwell, Lofton, Meyer, Ross, Sasser, Setzer, Szoka, von Haefen and Warren. Trina Griffin, Greg Roney, and Nick Giddings from the Legislative Analysis Division and Rodney Bizzell, Steve Owen, Brian Slivka and Emma Turner from the Fiscal Research Division were also present. A Visitor Registration Sheet is attached and made part of these minutes. (Attachment I)

Representative John Szoka, Senior Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. He introduced the Sergeants at Arms and the House Pages in attendance. (Attachment II & III)

Representative Szoka recognized Representative Henson for a report from the Finance Subcommittee on Occupancy Tax.
Representative Henson reported House Bill 7 received a favorable report.

The following bill was considered:

House Bill 7 – Graham County Occupancy Tax (Representative Corbin)

Representative Szoka recognized Representative Corbin, bill sponsor, to address the committee regarding the bill. There was discussion on the bill.
Representative Warren moved for a favorable report with a referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House. The motion passed.

Representative Szoka referred House Bill 84 to the Subcommittee on Annexation/Deannexation.
Representative Szoka recognized Representative Destin Hall for a report from the Finance Subcommittee on Annexation/Deannexation.
Representative Hall reported House Bill 4 received a favorable report.

The following bill was considered:

House Bill 4 – Claremont Deannexation (Representative Setzer)

Representative Szoka recognized Representative Setzer, bill sponsor, to address the committee regarding the bill. There was no discussion on the bill.
Representative Holley moved for a favorable report with a referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House. The motion passed.

Representative Szoka recognized Representative Warren for a motion.
Representative Warren moved that Proposed Committee Substitute CSTRxf-1 for House Bill 114 be placed before the committee.
Representative Szoka, seeing no objection, placed the proposed committee substitute before the committee.

The following proposed committee substitute was considered:

House Bill 114, Proposed Committee Substitute CSTRxf-1 – Gross Premium Tax/PHPs (Representatives Lambeth, Dobson, Howard)

Representative Szoka recognized Representative Lambeth, bill sponsor, to address the committee regarding the proposed committee substitute.
Representative Szoka recognized Jennifer Hillman, Legislative Analysis Division, to address the committee further regarding the proposed committee substitute. There was discussion on the bill.
Representative Warren moved for a favorable report of the committee substitute, unfavorable to the original bill with a referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House. The motion passed.

Representative Szoka opened the floor to additional discussion and questions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 am.

Representative Julia Howard, Senior Chair

Representative John Szoka, Senior Chair
Presiding

Representative Mitchell Setzer, Senior Chair

Cameron Dawson, Committee Clerk